reforms period i.e. 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 was 8.5 per cent while the average growth rate of industrial production has been 2.1 per cent during the first three years of economic refroms;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the period 1981—91, the industrial growth was 7.8 per cent;

(c) if so, what are the reasons of sickness in industrial growth during the first three years of reforms despite delicensing and decontrol;

(d) whether Government have identified any specific reasons for the same; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The average rate of growth of industrial production during the period 1988-89 to 1990-91 was 8.5 per cent and for the period 1991-92 to 1993-94 was 2.3 per cent.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The overall industrial growth was constrained by the balance of payment crisis of 1991 which required imports squeeze affecting availability of inputs and their costs; the tight monetary policy for containing inflation which affected demand and raised the cost of borrowing for the industries and a fall in investment demand due to reduction in public expenditure and investment.

UNDP assistance on streamlining trade mark registry

699. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNDP has offered assistance to set up projects on modernisation of patent information system and streamlining the process in the trade marks registry;

(b) if so, the status of these projects and the time-frame set for making them operational; and

(c) whether Government propose to streamline the copy-right administrative set-up to dispense protective rights to Intellectual Property Rights holedrs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two projects, namely, modernisation of Patent Information System and the modernisation of Trade Marks Registry, with the assistance of UNDP are presently under implementation. The project relating to modernisation of Patent Information System commenced in January, 1992 and is expeced to be completed by December, 1995.

The project for modernisation of Trade Marks Registry commenced in June, 1993 wih an implementation period of 2 years.

(c) The Government has taken a number of steps to improve the enforcement of copyright administration.

Adverse impact of liberalisation on Small Scale Units

700. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it a fact that the liberalisation process has adversely affected the Small Scale Industry Sector, resulting in closure/under-utilisation of capacity of small scale units;